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material comprises a polymeric material or a porous glass material.

72.(New) A device as set forth in Claim 65 wherein the second membranous material comprises a channel having a transverse dimension that is similar to the thickness of the electrical double layer.

73.(New) A device as set forth in Claim 66 wherein the third membranous material comprises a polymeric material or a porous glass material.

74.(New) A device as set forth in Claim 66 wherein the third membranous material comprises a channel having a transverse dimension that is similar to the thickness of the electrical double layer.

## REMARKS

## The Claims

The claims of the parent application, USAN 09/244,914, were subject to a restriction requirement in the office action mailed on August 30, 2000 (Paper No. 5). As a result of the restriction requirement, Claims 8-10, 19, 20, and 28-32 were withdrawn from consideration in the parent application. The applicants would like to have the invention set forth in Claims 8-10, 19, 20, and 28-32 examined. The foregoing amendments to the specification and claims are necessary to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121.

New Claims 36-74 are directed to various embodiments of the subject matter that was restricted in the parent application. Applicants believe that no new matter is added to the application by the amendments to the claims.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered prior to the

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first official action on this application.

## **Deletion of Inventors**

This application is a divisional application that claims the benefit of copending application No. 09/244,914. Some of the inventors named in the prior application are not inventors with respect to the subject matter claimed in this divisional application. This application includes a copy of the declaration from the parent application. However, it is requested that the following inventors be deleted for the purposes of the present application: Christopher T. Culbertson, William B. Whitten, and Robert S. Foote. This statement is being made pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2).

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